PUBLISHER WINS IN LIBEL ACTION

Time Sued by Alleged Bahamas Gambler

The United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals Friday ruled in favor of Time, Inc., publisher of Life Magazine, in a multi-million dollar libel suit brought by an alleged gambler who was linked to Bahamas politics in an article published in Life on Feb. 3, 1967

The suit was brought by Mike McLaney who was prominently mentioned in the 15 page article entitled "The Scandal in the Bahamas," written by William Lambert and Richard Oulahan.

It is stated in the court's opinion that the article described McLaney as having been the manager of one of Havana's top gambling casino's during the regime of Cuban President Batista and that he went to the Bahamas after the fall of Batista.

The Fifth Circuit reversed a lower court ruling which denied a summary judgment in favor of Time, Inc.